

LEICESTER CITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD DATE

Subject:	Leicester City Better Care Fund Update Q2 23/24
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Better Care Fund (BCF) is a programme of work that supports preventative, integrated approaches across health and social care. As a 'fund' it is a pooled budget of £48,405,390 for 2023/24, which has been part of the DHSC approach to driving joint working for nearly 10 years.

However, the BCF in Leicester is more than a set of funded schemes. Over time, it has become a platform for innovation, joint working and delivering additionality where this has impact on a shared set of priorities for the people of Leicester. Many early schemes, such as the Integrated Crisis Response Service, has become the foundation of joint working and been recognised nationally as best practice.

Newer developments has stretched the initial ambitions, which were linked to hospital discharge and avoidable admissions, to support additionally vulnerable children and families, people who we find more difficult to engage in mainstream health and care support and for schemes that help us to identify people who would most benefit from our joint support and therefore target existing statutory services in an effective, proactive and preventative way.

The BCF programme is overseen by the Integrated Systems of Care (ISOC) Group, which reports to the Joint Integrated Commissioning Board (JICB) and upwards to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

There are formal metrics in place for national reporting. Additionally, a data pack is shared with ISOC on a monthly basis, supported by agency highlight reports. Annually, schemes are evaluated, in order to understand impact and inform the future year's programme of investments.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is requested to:

Note the highlight position at Q2 and make any observations.

